Barring Professionals from Civil Services

2568. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to barring professionals such as engineers, doctors, etc. from recruiting themselves into Civil Services;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is because of the fact that medical and engineering education is highly subsidized; and

(d) if not, the other reasons behind this proposed move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) There is no proposal for barring professionals from recruitment through Civil Services Examination.

Mutual Transfers of Employees between Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

†2569. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of division and mutual transfers of employees and officers pending as on 31st January, 2005 after division of State between Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the number of *sub-judice* cases out of them;

(c) the number of pending cases related to transfer of spouse in different State; and

(d) the details of the action being taken to find out the reasons for pendency of the cases and their disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) After the issue of final allocation orders by the Central Government between the successor States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, orders

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have been issued in respect of 1,62,461 State service personnel. No case of division and mutual transfers is pending with the Central Government.

(b) As per available records 44 cases of employees, who have filed writ petitions against their final allocation orders, are pending in the High Courts of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

(c) No case relating to transfer of spouse in the successor States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh is pending for final allocation with the Central Government. A State Advisory Committee, has, however, been set up *w.e.f.* 1.10.2004 to give its recommendations on the representations of State Government personnel, against their final allocation orders in pursuance to the directions of the Hon'ble High Courts of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

(d) No case is pending decision in the Central Government.

Secretaries to Government of India

2570. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Secretaries heading the various Ministries and Departments of Government of India; and

(b) the number of years of service put in by each of them in the Additional Secretary grade before they were appointed as Secretaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Total number of Secretaries heading the various Union Ministries and Departments as on 11-03-2005-73.

(b) The eligibility of officers for holding the post of Secretary as laid down under the central Staffing Scheme is as under:—

> "Minimum of two years of service in a post carrying a basic pay of Rs. 22400/- or above. (Note: In case of All India Services officers who stand allocated to different cadres, eligibility criteria will apply to the entire batch as soon as one officer of the batch has put in the required 2 years of service on a post carrying a basic pay of Rs. 22400/- P.M.")